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*Those who hold fast to the Book and establish Prayer - We shall not allow the reward of such righteous men to go to waste (Surah Al-A'raf: 170)*

# Connect Your Child To the Quran



## **Foreword**

This summer vacations, the advent of virtuous month Ramadan has given a new lease of happiness. After finishing off summer holidays, family excursions, now we can spend days and nights with our kids under the shade of the Quran and beneath the canopy of *Taqwa*. *In Shaa Allah*.

The crux of situation demands our attention, and that need serious attempts to inculcate a passion that acts as a boost to keep our children ever ready and charged up to be obedient and pious.

I would like to introduce one such method observance of which is within your grasp. Let us connect our children to the Quran as it has all that needed to spend time with.

Teaching Quran with its precise explanation and in manner quite apt to the understanding abilities of our children demand loads of concentration and hard work.

To facilitate an easy understanding and an equally easy way of teaching the kids, we have chosen fifteen topics that are quite fascinating and keep them stay glued to the Divine Book. All the topics have few relevant verses which are quite short. This is the beauty of the syllabus that it has shortest possible verses from the Quran.

After each topic, an exercise has been provided in the same way as we find in the text books. After finishing each session, the parent or guardian, who is tutoring the class, can assign suitable homework based on the suggestive measures. We have restricted to a few suggestions, you can go ahead and add more innovative ideas, or even ask your children to come up with some unique and interesting ideas to continue the learning and understanding process of Quranic verses.

Let me conclude with an important note. We regard our children as Allah's invaluable blessings. We do often remember those blissful days, when our children were born, with lots of indefinable feelings in our hearts. The blessings of Allah demand a gesture of gratitude to retain the

joy of blessings, rather keep on adding vigor to that joy. The charm of blessings shouldn't fade as the time passes, rather every passing day should add glamour and grace to make the moments enjoyable, and it should articulate our children as solace to eyes and comfort to the hearts.

Such dream children are not that easy to visualize, we all are well aware of it. As their bodily development needs nutritious and balanced diet, their spiritual needs demand an intake of equal measure. The only thing that makes this possible is to connect our children to the Quran. The Quran should occupy a prime place in the list of their daily needs. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has regarded the Quran as the dining table of Allah that He has spread out for us. The way we provide dining table to feed our children's material and bodily needs, Allah has provided the same to feed to our spiritual needs. We have to make sure that our children get a definite portion from the Divine Book on regular basis. As the bodily appearance reveals their health status so is their characters, they reflect their inner self and the spiritual facet. If they are good in characters, Quran needs to be their companion to be even more good. If they tend to behave indecently at times, when their characters go to the lowest levels, it's an indication that they are spiritually hungry and thirsty, just provide them the Quran to fulfill their needs and let them appear the way Quran wants them to.

This idea of ideological soundness and spiritual hunger and thirst of our children inspired us to come out with a practical approach to studying, contemplating and following the Quran. May Allah help us understand His Book; bless our children with knowledge and wisdom to stay connected with the Quran to change their lives and the world around.

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## Explore Fascinating World of the Quran

To begin with, let us take our children to a very fascinating world of the Quran. The Quranic world is very attractive, appealing and provides complete satisfaction to our seeing, hearing and contemplating faculties. You can say the Quranic verses present theory about a beautiful world and an outstanding universe and everything that exist and surrounds us, justifies it practically. Look at these verses how Almighty Allah beautifully describes the nature:

01	Surah Al-Anaam	Verse 99
02	Surah Ar-Rad	Verses 13 & 14
03	Surah Ibrahim	Verses 24 to 27
04	Surah An-Naml	Verses 5 to 16
05	Surah Ar-Rum	Verses 19 to 25
06	Surah Qaf	Verses 7 & 8
07	Surah Al-Waqi'a	Verses 63 to 73

### Method of interaction with the Children:

- Sit with your children, let anyone or you recite the Quranic verses shown in the table above.
- Then listen the same from favorite Qari of the children (*visit [www.tvquran.com](http://www.tvquran.com) for beautiful recitation*)
- Explain what you want them to understand from these verses.
- Ask your kids what they like the most from the recited and explained verses.
- Ask them to collect sceneries pics as describe in the Quran.



## Objectives of the Plan

After the beautiful explanation of the nature, now we are going to delve with the following important aspects:

- Ideological development of children
- Contemplation over the Quranic verses
- Application, following what has been instructed in the Quran

To materialize these objectives, we have chosen fifteen topics that vary from personal and familial development to matters that pertain to faith, success, promotion of virtues and eradication of evils. Keeping in view children's mind set, we have enlisted shortest possible verses from the Quran as, we believe, it facilitates the little minds to remember, memorize, understand and act accordingly. The fifteen topics are based on the following subjects:

- Strengthening of faith in Allah & His Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- Moral development
- Societal development
- Ideological development
- Lawful and unlawful
- Promotion of virtues
- Eradication of evils
- Strong bonding with the Quran
- Protection from Hell-fire
- Admission in Jannah

For the implementation of this plan, we have designed a short and comprehensive syllabus comprises short verses spread across fifteen topics.

Every topic follows with practical activity and suggestions for the parents and guardians who organize reading and contemplation on the Quranic syllabus in the form of Study Circle.

Please follow the details:





## 1) Introduction of the Merciful Allah

Allah is the compassionate and the Merciful, we do proclaim this frequently every day, be it recitation of **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ** or *Surah Fatiha*.

The Mercy of Allah defines our life as the air and water do. Without His Mercy, the lives on earth is impossible, rather the whole universe stand by His command as His Mercy prevails everywhere. We need to have an objective understanding of this all-pervasive attribute of Almighty Allah to know its gravity and to form a formidable relation with it, and invoke Him frequently to be worthy of His bounties and favors. The following verses specify beautiful facets of Allah's impeccable attributes:

Allah is All Embracing and All-Knowing (Surah Al-Baqarah: 115)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ	01
Rest assured that He is full of pity and mercy for mankind (Surah Al-Baqarah: 143)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالتَّائِسِ لَرءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ	02
Allah hears everything, knows everything (Surah Al-Baqarah: 181)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ	03
Most surely He is Forgiving and Merciful (Surah Al-Baqarah: 199)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ	04
Allah is All-Powerfull, All-Wise (Surah Al-Baqarah: 240)	وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ	05
Allah is Self-Sufficient and Forbearing (Surah Al-Baqarah: 263)	وَاللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ حَلِيمٌ	06
Allah has full knowledge of everything (Surah An-Nisa: 32)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا	07
Surely Allah is All-Mighty and All-Wise (Surah An-Nisa: 56)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا	08
Allah is All-Hearing and All-Seeing (Surah An-Nisa: 58)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا	09
Surely Allah takes good count of everything (Surah An-Nisa: 86)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَسِيبًا	10
Surely, it is Allah Who is much Forgiving, Ever Merciful (Surah At-Tauba: 118)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ	11
Truly, your Lord is All-Strong, All-Mighty (Surah Hud: 66)	إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ	12
Surely, Most Blessed is Allah, the Best of all those that create (Surah Al-Muminoon: 14)	فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ	13
Allah is Self-Sufficient, it is you who are the needy (Surah Muhammad: 38)	وَاللَّهُ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ	14
Full of blessings is the name of your Lord, Owner of Glory and Honor (Surah Ar-Rahman: 78)	تَبَارَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ	15

## How do you interact with your children?

In view of these 15 verses, you need to talk to your child. Explain what exactly the Almighty Allah says. Give examples from day to day affairs.

- Ex: Serial No 02, *Surah Al-Baqarah*: 143, Allah is very kind to human beings, He blesses them with innumerable favors, sends down rain from the sky, cultivates loving and caring attitude etc.
- Now ask your children to explain the same in their own words.

- Advise them to remember the attributes (صفات) along with their meaning as mentioned in the above verses, like: الرحيم ، السميع ، الغفور ، العزيز: meaning as mentioned in the above verses, like: الواسع ، العظيم،

## 2) Allah's Remembrance

Uttering words of praise (ذكر) for the Almighty Allah is what human nature is all about. It's an inner hymn that comes out of realization of Allah's bounties and favors that are abundant both in terms of their magnitude and impacts.

Therefore Almighty Allah reminds in His Noble Book what remembrance is? Allah's good servants are those whose tongues remain wet and active in His praise. The verses mentioned in the below table illustrate the same:

And celebrate the praises of thy Lord again and again, and glorify Him in the evening and in the morning (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 41)	وَاذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ كَثِيرًا وَسَبِّحْ بِالْعِشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ	01
When you have finished the Prayer, remember Allah -standing, and sitting, and reclining (Surah An-Nisa: 103)	فَإِذَا قَضَيْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِكُمْ	02
Trust in that Allah Who is Ever-Living and will never die' Glorify Him with His praise (Surah Al-Furqan: 58)	وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَىٰ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِهِ	03
Praise is for Allah Who exalted us above many of His believing servants (Surah An-Naml: 15)	الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي فَضَّلَنَا عَلَىٰ كَثِيرٍ مِّنْ عِبَادِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ	04
So glorify Allah, when you reach evening and when you rise in the morning ( Surah Ar-Rum: 17)	فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ حِينَ تُمْسُونَ وَحِينَ تُصْبِحُونَ	05
O you who believe, Celebrate the praises of Allah, and do this often (Surah Al-Ahzab: 41)	يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا	06
Glorified is He in Whose hand is the absolute control of everything, and to Him you shall all be returned (Surah Ya-Seen: 83)	فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ	07
and glorify your Lord morning and evening with His praise (Surah Al-Mumin: 55)	وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعِشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ	08
Exalted is the Ruler of the heavens and the earth, Lord. of the Throne, above what they ascribe to Him (Surah Az-Zukhruf: 82)	سُبْحَانَ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ	09
So, praise is for Allah alone, Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and the Lord of all the worlds (Surah Al-Jathiya: 36)	قُلْ لِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ	10
And keep up glorifying your Lord with His praise, before sunrise and before sunset (Surah Qaf: 39)	وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ	11



## Help your children remember Allah

- In view of the above 11 verses try to make your child convince that the spirit of Allah's remembrance (ذكر الله) is not confined to any time, rather it has been prescribed to do it frequently, morning and evening, all the time.
- Point out how many ways have been mentioned in the aforesaid Quranic verses or in other parts of the Quran, like verse Serial No 2, *Surah An-Nisa: 103*, after finishing off prayers...remember Allah standing, sitting and lying.
- Explain in their words why we should praise the Almighty Allah in view of the Serial Nos, 3, 4, 6 etc.
- Give the following assignments to your kids:
  - Making of list of few azkaar for morning and evening.
  - Pasting azkaar like الحمد لله، سبحان الله، الله أكبر in their room or near study table.
- Give them a few pics like, fruits, vehicles, sceneries etc and ask them to write any appropriate Allah's Zikr. See how they respond, try to recognize their sense of understanding.

## 3) The Blessings of Allah

The blessings (نعمه) of Allah by its essence are things that are in abundance, countless and beneficial. The term *Ni'mah* (نعمه) doesn't mean just blessings, it is favor, boon, grace, kindness. When this term is used as a noun it means convenience and freedom from worries and difficulties. The Quran says the blessings of Allah are innumerable, difficult to comprehend and count their measures. However Almighty Allah has mentioned a few that we know and utilize for every single second of our life. Look at these verses and try to understand the vastness of Allah's favors:



O people, eat of what is lawful and clean in the earth (Surah Al-Baqarah: 168)	يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا	01
It is He Who fashions you in the wombs as He wills (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 6)	هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ	02
He Who subjected for you the ships that they may sail in the sea by His command; He Who subjected for you the rivers (Surah Ibrahim: 32)	وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الْفُلَّكَ لِتَجْرِيَ فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الْأَنْهَارَ	03
Allah has made your houses a place of relaxation and comfort (Surah An-Nahl: 80)	وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ سَكَنًا	04
And We placed firm mountains on earth lest it should shake with them, and We made wide paths in them that they may find their way (Surah Al-Anbiya: 31)	وَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تُكِيدَ بِهِمْ وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا فِجَاجًا سُبُلًا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ	05
He Who holds back the skies that it may not fall on the earth except by His leave (Surah Al-Hajj: 65)	وَيُمْسِكُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تَقَعَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ	06
How many creatures are there that do not carry their provisions with them: Allah provides for them and for you too (Surah Al-Ankabut: 60)	وَكَايْنٍ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ لَا تَحْمِلُ رِزْقَهَا اللَّهُ يَرْزُقُهَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ	07
It is Allah Who made the night for you to rest in it, and made the day bright (Surah Al-Momin: 61)	اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ اللَّيْلَ لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ وَالنَّهَارَ مُبْصِرًا	08
It is Allah Who has provided the cattle that you may ride on some and eat the flesh of others (Surah Al-Momin: 79)	اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَنْعَامَ لِتَرْكَبُوا مِنْهَا وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ	09
He it is Who made this earth a cradle for you and made in it paths for you so that you may be guided to your destinations (Surah Az-Zukhruf: 10)	الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا سُبُلًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ	10
Say to them, "Have you ever considered that if the water of your wells should sink down into the earth, who would then restore to you the running springs of water? (Surah Al-Mulk: 30)	قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَأْوَكُمْ غُورًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ	11

## Let your children know the essence of Allah's blessings

Of the countless blessings, these are a few, if understand well, one can comprehend the wider and deeper sense of Allah's blessings.

- Let your child recite one verse, with its meaning. Then you explain the essence of Allah's blessings making use of scientific data or other stuff with the help of internet.
- For example Serial No 03, *Surah Ibrahim: 32*, explain what are the principles that help a ship sail through the sea (*Internet search clue - type: how ship sails on sea or watch the same on YouTube*).
- Tell how days and nights appear in an order. Otherwise what happens to humans if the length of day or night increase or decrease? (*Internet search clue - type: Antarctica day and night length or you can watch animated videos on YouTube*).
- Give appropriate assignment to draw the same or draw / pen down their imagination about human lives without Allah's blessings.



#### 4) Allah's Likes

As ignorance is disaster, knowledge is quite contrasting, it leads to success. Therefore knowing what Allah likes is half way to reach to the highest form of faith. In fact the path of faith is the path of what Allah likes. The Quran emphatically explains the likes of Allah and promotes a balanced thought among the believers to adhere to the likes of their Creator and do what He commands them to do. The following verses raise the curtains from the unknowns and let us know what Allah likes the most:

Do all things gracefully, for Allah loves those who do all things with excellence (Surah Al-Baqarah: 195)	وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ	01
Allah loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean (Surah Al-Baqarah: 222)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ	02
Verily Allah loves those who are God-fearing and pious (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 76)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ	03
And Allah Loves those who are firm and steadfast (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 146)	وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الصَّابِرِينَ	04
Allah loves those who put their trust (in Him) (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 159)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ	05
Allah loves those who make themselves pure (Surah At-Tawba: 108)	وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهِّرِينَ	06
Allah indeed loves those who fight in His Way in ranks as if they were a solid cemented wall (Surah As-Saff: 4)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَرْصُورٌ	07

#### Let your children know what Allah likes?

These are the seven places where Almighty Allah has specifically tells us to whom He likes.

- In view of the above seven verses, make the following chart and discuss with your children to finalize the things:

Sl No	Allah Likes Whom?	What are their Qualities	How we can develop these qualities?
01			
02			
03			
04			
05			
06			
07			



- Now give them assignment for the development of these qualities, ask your children to fill the following table, with specific reference to starting and finishing dates:

SI No	Qualities that Allah likes	My activity (mention what do you want to do)	From..... (mention date)	To..... (mention date)
01				
02				
03				
04				
05				
06				
07				

- Ensure regular check, assess their progress and guide accordingly.
- After finishing off their assignments, let them write their commitment and attached it to the wall, like “*I am perfectionist, I am Mohsin*”, “*Allah likes repentance, I do repent frequently*”.

## 5) Allah's Dislikes

There can be no alarming words as threatening as destructive than those that are said by the Almighty Allah Himself. Look at the below table how ruthlessly the disliked people are singled out and how furious is our Lord in specifying their fates.

Knowing the dangerous situation defies the possible disaster and helps opt for the ways that are peaceful and humane all the way. Another aspect is that the dislikes things are not out of the purview of human benefits; they are very much concerned with humans' well-being, as Allah is Compassionate and Merciful. Now look at the verses:

Good deeds synchronized with the pleasure of Allah, inspire to behave in accordance with the likes and dislikes of Allah



Do not commit aggression because Allah does not like aggressors (Surah Al-Baqarah: 190)	وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ	01
Allah does not like an ungrateful, sinful person (Surah Al-Baqarah: 276)	وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ أَثِيمٍ	02
Allah does not love those who refuse to obey Him and His Messenger (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 32)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ	03
Allah does not love the unjust (Surah Aal-e-Imran: 57)	وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ	04
Allah does not love the arrogant and the boastful (Surah An-Nisa: 36)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا	05
Allah does not love him who betrays trust and persists in sin (Surah An-Nisa: 107)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ خَوَانًا أَثِيمًا	06
Allah does not love those who spread mischief (Surah Al-Maeda: 64)	وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ	07
And do not exceed the proper limits, for He does not love those who exceed the proper limits (Surah Al-Anaam: 141)	وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ	08
Allah does not love the treacherous (Surah Al-Anfal: 58)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْخَائِنِينَ	09
Certainly Allah has no love for the perfidious, the thankless (Surah Al-Hajj: 38)	إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ خَوَّانٍ كَفُورٍ	10
Do not exult, for Allah does not like the exultant (Surah Al-Qasas: 76)	لَا تَفْرَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ	11

### Let your children know what Allah dislikes?

These are eleven places where the Almighty Allah has specifically tells us to whom He dislikes. Explain each verse with precise clarity and let them ask what they still want to know.

Make the following chart and discuss with your children to finalize the things:

Sl No	Allah Dislikes Whom?	What are their Bad Qualities	How we can prevent ourselves from these qualities?
01			
02			
03			
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- Now give them assignment for the protection from these bad qualities:

Sl No	Bad Qualities that Allah Dislikes	My activity (mention what do you want to do)	From..... (mention date)	To..... (mention date)
01				
02				
03				
04				
05				
06				
07				
08				
09				
10				
11				

- Ensure regular check, assess their progress and guide accordingly.
- You can also discuss the wisdom behind the matters pertaining to Allah's dislike? Let them explain in their own words what they have understood.

## 6) Moral Values

We often appreciate the attitudes that catch our attention and provide a kind of comfort to our hearts. On the contrary, the same is true that the bad attitudes hurt us. Moral values actually delve with the conceptual aspects of these attitudes and depict two important and natural inclinations. One, desirable manner, it is appreciated no matter who does carry it. Second being the bad manners absolutely unwarranted and unappreciative, no matter whoever indulges in it.

Therefore moral values can be termed as those inevitable things that perfectly blend with human nature. Since Islam synchronizes with human nature, so is the case of moral values, they are like flesh and bones of human body, without which human life is incomplete in all senses. Please go through some of the moral values that are overtly explained by Almighty Allah.





Speak good to the people (Surah Al-Baqarah: 83)	وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا	01
And always be grateful to Allah (Surah Al-Baqarah: 172)	وَأَشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ	02
and do not even draw to things shameful, be they open or secret (Surah Al-Anaam: 151)	وَلَا تَقْرُبُوا الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ	03
Do not follow that of which you have no knowledge (Surah Bani-Israel: 36)	وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ	04
And do not speak to the people with your face turned away (Surah Luqman: 18)	وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ خَدَّكَ لِلنَّاسِ	05
Do not walk proudly. on the earth (Surah Luqman: 18)	وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا	06
Be moderate in your gait (Surah Luqman: 19)	وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ	07
and lower your voice (Surah Luqman: 19)	وَأَغْضُضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ	08
Do not taunt one another among yourselves (Surah Al-Hujurat: 11)	وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ	09
Do not call one another by nicknames (Surah Al-Hujurat: 11)	وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ	10
Do not spy (Surah Al-Hujurat: 12)	وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا	11
Anyone should not backbite the other (Surah Al-Hujurat: 12)	وَلَا يَغْتَابَ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا	12
And recite the Qur'an in slow, measured rhythmic tones (Surah Al-Muzammil: 4)	وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا	13
And keep your garments free from stain! (Surah Al-Muddaththir:4)	وَيَبَّابِكُمْ فَعْلَهَ	14
And avoid filth and dirt (Surah Al-Muddaththir:4)	وَالرَّجِزَ فَاهْجُرْ	15

## Make your children morally sound

The Quran presents chart of moral values that cover all aspects of human lives. Here we have mentioned just a few; the list of moral values is far bigger than this. To begin with let us focus on these verses.

List out the characters mentioned in the above fifteen verses. Make a list and specify how your child is going to develop them.

Sl No	Characters mentioned in	Character	What am I going to do for this to develop?
01	Surah Al-Baqarah: 83		
02	Surah Al-Baqarah: 172		
03	Surah Al-Anaam: 151		
04	Surah Bani-Israel: 36		
05	Surah Luqman: 18		
06	Surah Luqman: 18		
07	Surah Luqman: 19		
08	Surah Luqman: 19		
09	Surah Al-Hujurat: 11		
10	Surah Al-Hujurat: 11		
11	Surah Al-Hujurat: 12		
12	Surah Al-Hujurat: 12		
13	Surah Al-Muzammil: 4		
14	Surah Al-Muddaththir:4		
15	Surah Al-Muddaththir:4		

Since building of characters requires time and your utmost care. So monitor on regular basis and note how your child is behaving and what sorts of changes are observable.

Please stay focus on two important aspects:

- 1) Be sure to suggest practical ways of inculcating good characters for all the fifteen verses mentioned in the above table. For example: Serial No 1, *Surah Al-Baqarah*: 83, I will:
  - Talk nicely with my parents and other family members
  - Address my relatives, neighbours, teachers and friends with good words
  - Avoid harsh and indecent words
- 2) Take serious note of bad characters that fatally hamper your child's decent dialect, like anger, foul language, bad company etc. Make a list of such bad characters and adopt practical ways of their annihilations.

## **7) Parents' Obedience**

The importance of parents is quite high as the Almighty Allah has mentioned their rights soon after describing His own rights in the Quran. So, it becomes apparent that the way worship of the Almighty Alone takes one to the Jannah, the same is true with the parents. Their obedience, selfless service, fulfilling their needs, providing all sorts of comfort to them is as good a virtuous act as the worship of Allah. Therefore we can deem our presence with children as the presence of both Heaven and Hell in our home. If we succeed in making our children obedient of Allah and us, their place in Jannah is confirmed for sure.

The presence of children also arrests the same sort of attention of ours. Their dwelling in our home is just like the presence of Heaven and Hell. If they are obedient of Allah and His Messenger (pbuh) and serve us as well, they are sure to be a cause of an elevated position for us in Jannah. If not they can be cause of Allah's wrath. Therefore from both perspectives we need to train our children how to worship Allah and at the same time we should groom them to be a source of rewards for us in both the worlds.

In the Quran, there are many places wherein the position, rights and status of parents have been mentioned, to be precise we are enlisting here four verses from three different Surahs which are as under:



01	Surah Luqman	Verse 14
02	Surah Bani Israel	Verses 23 & 24
03	Surah Al-Ahqaf	Verse 15

## Make your children obedient

First go through the verses carefully and then ask your children to recite these verses. Careful reading of the verses along with their meaning will help you in understanding the conceptual facts about parents' status and position. Explain the same to your children. Let each child be clear about what the Almighty Allah has instructed. Please focus on the following:

- 1) Total four verses have been mentioned that form crux of Quranic view of parents. Take your time to explain each verse in detail.
- 2) Listen to your children what they have to say about Quranic description of parents and let them ask questions.
- 3) Apart from effective explanation of these verses you need to be very discipline and cautious about your overall behavior as parents. So try to avoid:
  - Missing obligatory prayers
  - Lies
  - Indisciplinary behavior
  - Unnecessary arguments with husband / wife / family members
  - Late night sleeping
  - Ineffective time-management
  - Spending less time at home
  - Unhealthy habits
  - Bad friendship
  - More time spending with friends

Another important aspect that helps in effective training of your children is clarity of your persona. Your children should know what you like and what you don't? When will you be happy and for what sort of childrens' behavior you will be angry? Therefore make a list of what you like and what you don't like and paste it on the wall.



"Loads of reverence and plenty of love as a gratitude to my parents, even then, I feel, my sense of gratitude falls short to meet your majesty"

*My Dear Children*

What I like the most	This is what I don't like

My favorite child is one who likes what I like and hates that I don't like.

## 8) Do You Know?

Do you know? Probably this is one of the most common questions that we come across with. No matter of what age we are? The matters of queries vary, from childhood to adolescence; they are simple and based on understanding of things. The queries from teenage to youth are quite different, largely based on wants and demands. The questions from middle age to old age confine not only to self but to all the family members and their well-being. In short you know the questions have their own interest and attract everyone with some outstanding things to explore.

The Almighty Allah has asked questions and His style is quite different. They not only includes our questions of all ages but in addition present such matters that broaden our horizon, help understand the reality of everything that exist here and make us very cautious about moving closer and closer to the Almighty Allah. You can say that the Creator's queries are quite different from what we come across usually. They, unarguably, touch the hearts, enlighten the minds, and correct the measures that we often take to understand one or the other things.

We have mentioned here eleven verses that reflect the Almighty's wishes and His instruction to know the reality of self, His existence and the things around. Look at the following verses they ask you ....do you know?



Allah alone can decrease and increase (wealth) (Surah Al-Baqarah: 245)	01 وَاللَّهُ يَغْنُصُ وَيَنْسُطُ
The Prayer is enjoined upon the believers at stated times (Surah An-Nisa: 103)	02 إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا
Not a leaf does fall but with Allah's knowledge (Surah Al-Anaam: 59)	03 وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا
For every message is a limit of time, and soon shall you know it (Surah Al-Anaam: 67)	04 لِكُلِّ نَبَأٍ مَسْتَقَرٌّ وَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ
To all are degrees (or ranks) according to their deeds (Surah Al-Anaam: 132)	05 وَلِكُلِّ دَرَجَاتٍ مِمَّا عَمِلُوا
If Allah afflicts you with any hardship, none other than He can remove it (Surah Yunus: 107)	06 وَإِنْ يَمَسَّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ
Indeed the good deeds remove the evil deeds (Surah Hud: 114)	07 إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ
And above all those who have knowledge is the One Who truly knows (Surah Yusuf: 76)	08 فَوْقَ كُلِّ ذِي عِلْمٍ عَلِيمٌ
No people can anticipate the term for its destruction nor can it delay it (Surah Al-Hijr: 5)	09 مَا تَسْبِقُ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلَهَا وَمَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ
Every bounty that you enjoy is from Allah (Surah An-Nahl: 53)	10 وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ
What is with you must vanish: what is with Allah will remain forever (Surah An-Nahl: 96)	11 مَا عِنْدَكُمْ يَنْفَدُ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَاقٍ
A magician cannot come to any good, no matter wherever he goes (Surah Ta-Ha: 69)	12 وَلَا يُفْلِحُ السَّاحِرُ حَيْثُ أَتَى
He bestows (children) male or female according to His Will (and Plan) (Surah Ash-Shura: 49)	13 يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ إِنَاءًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ الذَّكَورَ
It cannot be that three men whisper together and Allah is not the fourth of them or five men whisper together and Allah is not the sixth of them (Surah Al-Mujadila: 7)	14 مَا يَكُونُ مِنْ خَلْوَةٍ ثَلَاثَةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ رَابِعُهُمْ وَلَا خَمْسَةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ سَادِسُهُمْ
Every person is a pledge for his own deeds (Surah Al-Muddaththir: 38)	15 كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ رَهِيْنَةٌ

## Develop curiosity in your children

For clear understanding of these verses you are required to deal with them in an exclusive and detailed manner. If required you can refer to respective full verses and their translations.

Explore different ways and means to gather more and more informations on the topics and let your child know, what actually Allah wants us to know and what kind of changes do happen when we know these realities?

Below is chart that lets you know what specific questions / matters we can raise in view of each verse?



- ❖ Allah is our Creator, Nourisher and Sustainer
- ❖ One day He will gather us
- ❖ He is very Merciful and Generous
- ❖ He is the owner of the day of judgement
- ❖ Except Allah no one can help us



SI No	Verse	Things to focus on
01	Surah Al-Baqarah: 245	What does it mean? How do you explain the reality of wealth distribution with some common examples
02	Surah An-Nisa: 103	Why it is so? What wisdom one can understand from this fact that all prayers have to be offered in their fixed time?
03	Surah Al-Anaam: 59	What does it mean? Does it mean all the leaves? Or any particular leaf? What expanse of Allah's knowledge does it suggest?
04	Surah Al-Anaam: 67	Every news has its appointed time to appear publicly, what does it mean? How do you apply it to your day to day affairs?
05	Surah Al-Anaam: 132	The ranks are based on actions, the more good actions one performs the more grades he will get, you can explain this reality with simple examples.
06	Surah Yunus: 107	It means only Allah can remove the ill impacts of forms of evil things, losses and all types of failures. Tell your child how Allah protects and saves us and also tell why no one other than Allah can have power over such things?
07	Surah Hud: 114	In what way doing good thing after a sinful act, has psychological impact? What are the practical ways to follow this principle mentioned in the verse?
08	Surah Yusuf: 76	How do you explain that human knowledge is limited in all sense and Allah's knowledge has no limits?
09	Surah Al-Hijr: 5	Tell your child how Allah gives time for the nations to correct themselves and how He punishes them for their crime, relate previous nations stories like Qaum e Aad and Qaum e Samood etc
10	Surah An-Nahl: 53	What is the definition of Allah's blessings? How do you explain that Allah's blessings are uncountable?
11	Surah An-Nahl: 96	What is that we keep on losing? What is with Allah that remains forever? Explain your child with simple examples like age, power, wealth etc
12	Surah Ta-Ha: 69	Explain the reality of magic, and tell the reality of magician and also let them know what actually a magic is. Go through Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nas
13	Surah Ash-Shura: 49	How do you convince on this fact? Why not to differentiate between boys and girls? In what sense boys or girls are Allah's blessings?
14	Surah Al-Mujadila: 7	It speaks of Allah's power and presence, explain your children the spirit of this verse and how to be aware that Allah is Omnipresent?
15	Surah Al-Muddaththir: 3	Every soul has been sold, Allah is the owner of our souls, explain in what sense everyone of us is pledged

Based on these questions, you can conduct exclusive discussion with your children and ask them to write down what they have understood from any particular question or any important thing in discussion.

## 9) Do's and Don'ts

Do's and Don'ts are probably among the common instructions that we get no matter where we are, in home or out in the market or at working place. Doing certain things in certain manner is always on high priority and so is refraining from unwanted and unwarranted things. The Do's specify positivity, optimum utilization of potentials and the beneficial aspects of things to be done. On the other hand the Don'ts stand for harmful, unnecessary, and unhealthy things. But sometimes Don'ts stand for the ways that make Do's possible. Don'ts are not always negative rather they pave ways for doing something good. This is how we can perceive if we look at the most common commands of our day to day life DO's and DON'Ts.

Look at the Do's and Don'ts through eyes of the Quran. Being Muslims we have been advised to adhere to the Divine Commands that are categorically in the form of DO's and DON'Ts. Every command for doing something has an outstanding space for positivity and constructive work. The prohibitions or the don'ts not only save from evil impacts of certain things but also enable us to do wonders by adhering to what has been instructed.

The Quran commands us both Do's and Don'ts in a single statement, like you can see in the below table, or sometimes separately. In all the cases, the Divine Book is quite effective in addressing the human intellect; it convincingly follows to what the Book ordains. Go through the table below and know the Quranic Do's and Don'ts.

Eat and drink of what Allah has provided and do not spread disorder on the earth (Surah Al-Baqarah: 60)	كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا مِنْ رِزْقِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعَثُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ	01
Do not usurp one another's property by unjust means (Surah Al-Baqarah: 188)	وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ	02
Allah hath permitted trade and forbidden interest (Surah Al-Baqarah: 275)	وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا	03
And help one another in acts of righteousness and piety (Surah Al-Maeda: 2)	وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى	04
And do not help one another in sin and transgression (Surah Al-Maeda: 2)	وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ	05
Do not grieve over the condition of the transgressing people (Surah Al-Maeda: 26)	فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْفَاسِقِينَ	06
Abstain from sin, be it either open or secret (Surah Al-Anaam: 120)	ذَرُوا ظَاهِرَ الْإِثْمِ وَبَاطِنَهُ	07
Follow what has been revealed to you from your Lord and follow no masters other than Him (Surah Al-A'araf: 3)	اتَّبِعُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ	08
Remember, then, the wondrous bounties of Allah and do not go about creating mischief in the land (Surah Al-A'araf: 74)	فَاذْكُرُوا آيَةَ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعَثُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ	09
If you give thanks, I will certainly grant you more; but if you are ungrateful for My favours, My chastisement is terrible (Surah Ibrahim: 7)	لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ	10
Seek through the wealth that Allah has given you to make your abode in the Hereafter (Surah Al-Qasas: 77)	وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الْآخِرَةَ	11

## Make your children disciplined

- 1) If you look carefully and try to understand the verses mentioned in the table above, you will find that Almighty Allah wants us to do certain things and refrain from a few.
- 2) Verses like 1, 3, 8, 9 and 10 contains both DO's and DON'Ts in a single verse, like Serial No (1) *Surah Al-Baqarah* 60, the Do's is eat and drink the lawful and the Don't is avoid disorder. Similarly you can think of rest of the verses.

- 3) Make your child understand clearly what are Do's and Don'ts. Here we have mentioned a few; if you want you can go into the details by studying the Quran and Sunnah.
- 4) Make a list of Do's and Don'ts and let your child remember and memorize them. Advise them to follow in their lives.
- 5) Give assignment to your children to make a chart *"This is what my Allah likes"* for Do's. And for the Don'ts let them make a similar chart *"This is what my Allah dislikes"*.
- 6) Let there be a similar kind of Do's and Don'ts chart in your home wherein the likes and dislikes of your family members can be mentioned.

## 10) Truth and Justice

The Quran prepares us for two important things, out of many. One is that the Book inspires us to openly proclaim what our faith is? Who our Lord is? What His authority is?

This proclamation strengthens our faith and sends positive vibes of faith (إيمان) to make us embodiment of steadfastness. It inspires us to let others know about their Creator and firmly believe in Oneness of God.

Another aspect pertains to the dissemination of truth and justice, being a Muslim and the last hope of humanity, Quran instructs us to not to miss even a single chance of proclamation of Allah's Glory, His Authority, the Expanse of His Knowledge, His being as Designer of the Destiny etc.

The eleven verses mentioned here deal with these two aspects, vitals of faith and open proclamation of truth and justice.

The beauty of Quranic address is that it carries the reader along with the emotions and positive vibes involved in its statements, look at the verses in the table next page:





And why should we not place our trust in Allah when it is indeed He Who has guided us to the ways of our life? (Surah Ibrahim: 12)	وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نَتَوَكَّلَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَقَدْ هَدَانَا سُبُلَنَا	01
Our Lord! Surely You know all that we conceal and all that we reveal (Surah Ibrahim: 38)	رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ مَا نُخْفِي وَمَا نُعْلِنُ	02
To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and on the earth, and obedience to Him inevitably pervades the whole universe (Surah An-Nahl: 52)	لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الدِّينُ وَاصِبًا	03
Allah's is the authority before as well as afterwards (Surah Ar-Rum: 4)	لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ بَعْدُ	04
Allah tells (you) the Truth, and He shows the (right) Way (Surah Al-Ahzab: 4)	وَاللَّهُ يَقُولُ الْحَقَّ وَهُوَ يَهْدِي السَّبِيلَ	05
And Allah's Command is an absolutely settled decree (Surah Al-Ahzab: 38)	وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قَدَرًا مَفْدُورًا	06
Our Lord, You embrace everything in Your mercy and knowledge (Surah Al-Mumin: 7)	رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رَحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا	07
And that Allah's knowledge encompasses all (Surah At-Talaq: 12)	وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا	08
Say "He is the All-Merciful: In Him we have believed and in Him have we put our trust (Surah Al-Mulk: 29)	قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَنَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا	09
Indeed we turn to our Lord (Surah Al-Qalam: 32)	إِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا رَاغِبُونَ	10
We shall not join (in worship) anyone with our Lord (Surah Al-Jinn: 2)	لَنْ نُنْشِرَكَ بِرَبِّنَا أَحَدًا	11

## Let Your Children be embodiment of truth and justice

- 1) Explain the verses, go into the details of the subjects mentioned and let your children understand what the Almighty Allah wants them to understand.
- 2) Let there be a practice of open proclamation at your home, like reading the Quran with clear audibility, reading of supplications of waking up, eating, drinking and dressing etc aloud.
- 3) Let your child proclaim the glory of Almighty Allah as described in above verses at least once a day.
- 4) Try to develop confidence in your children that they should glorify Allah in a decent manner wherever they are, in school or with friends and playing mates.
- 5) Prepare at least one child at your home to stand for truth and justice as mentioned in above verses, please refer Serial Nos 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11.

## 11) The Quranic Questions

Question is the most common term that everyone uses it almost every day. We do ask questions to our children, teachers ask to their students. Asking question denotes two things, One is that the person to whom the question is being asked can answer and the second, we ask only those things which are simple, understandable and within the limits to respond to. If you look

at the ways questions are being asked they reflect these two aspects apparently.

The Almighty Allah has asked tens of questions in His book, it means that the Almighty Allah has:

- Given us a high status, He communicates with us
- Trust that we can respond to His queries
- Believed that we can utilize our senses to know the realities towards which He invites

The Quranic Questions form very interesting part of the Quran. The questions are very thought provoking and educative. Every justifiable and fair answer becomes a cause to be near to the Merciful Allah.

The Quranic Questions is one of the interactive forms of Quranic approaches that present a world of fascination and inquisitiveness before the readers just to help them reach where their hearts merge with the likes of their Creator.

Look at the way Almighty Allah asks us:

Who provides you with sustenance out of the heavens and the earth? (Surah Yunus: 31)	مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ	01
Is there any among those whom you associate with Allah in His divinity who brings about the creation of all beings in the first instance and will then repeat it? (Surah Yunus: 34)	هَلْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِكُمْ مَنْ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ	02
Have you not seen how your Lord lengthens out the shadow? (Surah Al-Furqan: 45)	أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى رَبِّكَ كَيْفَ مَدَّ الظِّلَّ	03
Who is He Who created the heavens and the earth and sent down rainwater for you from the sky? (Surah An-Naml: 60)	أَمَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً	04
And Who is it Who made the earth as a place of rest and caused in it rivers to flow? (Surah An-Naml: 61)	أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا	05
Who is it Who listens to the oppressed one when he invokes Him, and Who relieves him of his affliction? (Surah An-Naml: 62)	أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ	06
Who guides you through the depths of darkness on land and sea? (Surah An-Naml: 63)	أَمَّنْ يَهْدِيكُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ	07
Who will guide those whom Allah leaves astray? (Surah Ar-Rum: 29)	فَمَنْ يَهْدِي مَنْ أَضَلَّ اللَّهُ	08
Have you ever seen (with open eyes) the water that you drink? (Surah Al-Waqi'a: 68)	أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ	09
Do they not see the birds above them, spreading their wings and closing them? (Surah Al-Mulk: 19)	أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الظُّبُرِ قَوْعَهُمْ صَافَاتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ	10
Who is there that can provide you with Sustenance if He were to withhold His provision? (Surah Al-Mulk: 21)	أَمْ مَنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِيقَهُ	11



## Let your children explore the world of Quranic Questions

As said, the first thing is to explain each verse with examples and short stories; it opens your children's mind and adds lots of color to their curiosity.

- 1) Make list of the all eleven questions.
- 2) Try to understand why particularly these questions have been asked, what wisdom, knowledge, and human psychology do you find behind them?
- 3) Point out what each question reveals the hidden aspect, for example, Serial No 1, *Surah Yunus 31*; it reveals Allah is Rabb and Creator that everyone knows. It means the human nature is created on the pattern of Islam as it can easily recognize the True Creator.
- 4) Now find out answer for the remaining verses with the help of Quran, Hadith and other relevant sources.
- 5) Help you children find out other Questions from the Quran.

## 12) Introduce Hell

The Almighty Allah has described in His Book what Hell is and what sort of punishments have been prepared. Its description in the Quran is for two reasons. One, the Almighty Allah has power over all things, He has created all human beings and they are responsible and accountable. The preparation of Hell is an indication that if the humans fail in discharging their assign responsibilities they are bound to get their place in Hell.

The second reason is promotion of belief that this world is temporary and the Hereafter is eternal. It means Hell exists and this world provides opportunities for everyone to safeguard from the chastisement. If one thinks of protection from Hell then he has to search for its ways, this process ultimately lead to recognizing and worshipping of the True Creator.

Keeping this in view let your children understand what Hell is, explain in the light of selected verses of following three Quranic Chapters:

*Surah An-Naba, Surah Al-Haqqah and  
Surah Al-Ghashiyah.*

Unlike in other cases with specific references of verses, here we have selected few verses from three Surahs wherein the Almighty Allah has described the Hell to suit to our conscience and seriously think of protection from all sorts of punishments. Go through the following verses:



01	Surah An-Naba	Verses 21 to 30
02	Surah Al-Haqqah	Verses 25 to 37
03	Surah Al-Ghashiya	Verses 1 to 7

### Make your children well aware of Hell

- 1) Take one Surah at a time; explain what Almighty Allah has said about Hell and its forms of punishments.
- 2) Ask your children to write down the description in two separate columns as shown in table below. In first column let them write what Hell is and in the second column types of punishments.

Sl No	What Hell Is	Types of Punishments

- 3) Ask your child to explain about Hell to younger brothers / sisters and friends.
- 4) Teach them how to seek Allah's refuge from Hell and its punishments and let them know what our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had advised us.
- 5) Help them memorize *Duas* for protection from Hell and its punishments.

### 13) Characteristics of Hell-bound People

Now after the explanation of Hell, the next best thing to do is to let your children know what are the characteristics, actions and particular bent of mind that makes a person worthy of Hell?

The Almighty Allah has shown mercy by letting us know what characteristics make a person dweller of Hell and what are the reasons for which a person is thrown into the deep pits of Hell? Had it not been from Allah, it would have been impossible for us to know and think of prevention from those lethal and killer characteristics that make a person worthy of Hell.

The Almighty Allah let us know about the various shades that make people worthy of Hell. Look at the following verses:



Those who disbelieved and gave the lie to Our signs are rightfully the inmates of the Blazing Flame (Surah Al-Maeda: 86)	وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ	01
And those whose scales are light will be the losers (Surah Al-A'araf: 9)	وَمَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ	02
And those who reject Our revelations as false and turn away from them in arrogance, they shall be the inmates of Hell (Surah Al-A'araf: 36)	وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ	03
Those who are rebellious and wicked, their abode will be the Fire (Surah As-Sajda: 20)	الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا فَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ	04
As for those who plot evil, there is a severe torment for them (Surah Al-Fatir: 10)	الَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ	05
He who turns away from his Lord's remembrance, his Lord shall punish him with a severe Penalty (Surah Al-Jinn: 17)	وَمَنْ يُعْرِضْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّهِ يَسْلُكْهُ عَذَابًا صَعَدًا	06
Then the one who had rebelled, and preferred the life of the world, his home will be Hell-Fire (Surah An-Nazi'at: 37-39)	فَأَمَّا مَنْ طَغَىٰ ۖ وَآثَرَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۖ فَإِنَّ الْجَحِيمَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ	07
The wicked shall indeed go to Hell (Surah Al-Infitar: 14)	إِنَّ الْفُجَّارَ لَفِي جَحِيمٍ	08
Surely the records of the wicked are in the Prison Register (Surah Al-Mutaffifin: 7)	إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْفُجَّارِ لَفِي سَجِّينٍ	09
And he whose scales are light, shall have the deep pit for his dwelling (Surah Al-Qari'ah: 8-9)	وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ۖ فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ	10
Doomed (to ruin) is every such person who slanders others (in their face) and backbites them habitually (Surah Al-Humaza: 1)	وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ	11

### Prevent your children from the lethal characteristics

The eleven verses enlisted in the above table mainly deals with two important aspects, one it specifies the reasons and second it mentions the characteristics of those who will have their permanent place in Hell, look at the following, this is the gist of few verses:

- 1) Kufr or Disbelief (reason) - refer verse in Serial No 1
- 2) People who have less good deeds (reason) - refer verse in Serial No 2
- 3) Those who reject Islam (reason) - refer verse in Serial No 3
- 4) Those who show arrogance (characteristic) - refer verse in Serial No 3
- 5) Those who are rebellion (اللہ اور اس کے رسول ﷺ کے باغی) (characteristic) - refer verse in Serial No 4
- 6) Those who plot evil (characteristic) - refer verse in Serial No 5
- 7) Those who turns away from Allah's remembrance (characteristic) - refer verse in Serial No 6

Make similar list for remaining five verses.



Explain each reason and characteristic very clearly so that your children understand their true essence and remain cautious about them.

Explain the reasons why people will be thrown in Hell and let them know why people nourish those bad characteristics.

Get tips from Quran and Hadith for prevention from Hell, like not to eat haram, not to be arrogant (كبر), not to harm neighbours, not to reject the truth etc. Make your children adopt these tips and make them a part of their sound characters.

You should strengthen the fact in your children's mind that prevention from Hell is the greatest victory. As long as we are alive, we should try every bit to prevent ourselves from Hell.

#### **14) Introduce Jannah**

Admission in Jannah is the ultimate success; if a person is protected from Hell-fire and gets admitted in Jannah has really achieved great success, which is unarguably enjoyable and eternal. Quite contrast to what we have seen in case of Hell, the description of Jannah is lively, heartwarming and highly motivating. Only an insignificant part of Jannah has been described in the Quran as the human brains can't perceive the expanse and blessings of Jannah as they ought to be. Therefore Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) says in a Hadith Qudsi, narrated by *Bukhari*:

*Allah says: 'I have prepared for My righteous servants that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard and it has never crossed the mind of man. All of that is reserved, besides which all that you have known is as nothing.' Then he recited: 'No person knows what is kept hidden for them of joy as a reward for what they used to do' [Surah As-Sajdah: 17]*

Whatever mentioned in the following Quranic verses is just a glimpse of very huge and unimaginable Jannah.

Instead of short verses, we have enlisted few verses from three Surahs wherein Almighty Allah has described Jannah and the characteristics of those who will find their permanent place there.



01	Surah Al-Haqqah	Verses 19 to 24
02	Surah Ad-Dahr	Verses 5 to 22
03	Surah Al-Ghashiyah	Verses 8 to 16

### Develop in your children an intense passion for Jannah

Explain the verses first; take one Surah in one session. Let your children know what Almighty Allah has said about Jannah in these verses, how is its description and in what ways we can visualize it.

- 1) Let your children make a list of Allah's blessings for the dwellers of Jannah, as shown in the table below:

Sl No	What Jannah Is	Types of Blessings

- 2) What are the similarities of description of Jannah with worldly things, like fruits, pillows, carpets etc. Let your children make another list of those similar things.
- 3) Allow your children to write their own impressions about Jannah and how Almighty Allah describes it.
- 4) Let them resolve what sort of things they will do from now on to get admission in Jannah. Help them with some relevant Ahadith.

### 15) Qualities of Paradise-dwellers

Admission in Jannah is not that easy, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said that the *Jannah is under the shade of swords*, that means we need to work really hard to be worthy of Allah's mercy and Jannah.

Since Jannah is an everlasting place, the believers who get admitted in Jannah will live there forever (خالدین فیہا), therefore the qualities require, the amount of work to be done and the intensity of pious nature preferred is on a very higher end. One needs to be very cautious not for a day or month or for a year but all through moments of life.

Now look at the verses dealing with the characteristics of the dwellers of Jannah:

As for the God-fearing, they shall be amid gardens and springs (Surah Al-Hijr: 45)	01 إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ
For those who believe and work righteous deeds, there will be Gardens of Bliss (Surah Luqman: 8)	02 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ التَّعِيمِ
And those who had refrained from the disobedience of their Lord shall be led towards Paradise, in groups (Surah Az-Zumar: 73)	03 وَيَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا
The God-fearing shall be in a secure place (Surah Ad-Dukhan: 51)	04 إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي مَقَامٍ أَمِينٍ
And for everyone who fears to stand before his Lord there are two gardens (Surah Ar-Rahman: 46)	05 وَلِمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتَانِ
As for him who had feared to stand before his Lord and restrained himself from evil desires, Paradise shall be his home (Surah An-Nazi'at: 40-41)	06 وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۖ فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ
Surely the righteous shall be in bliss (Surah Al-Infitar: 13)	07 إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ
Surely the record of the righteous is in the Register of the exalted ones (Surah Al-Mutaffifin: 18)	08 إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْأَبْرَارِ لَفِي عِلِّيِّينَ
(To the righteous it will be said): "O peaceful and fully satisfied soul, return to yow Lord: you are well-pleased (with your good end) and well-pleasing (in the sight of your Lord). Join My (righteous) servants, and enter My Paradise (Surah Al-Fajr: 27-30)	09 يَا أَيَّتُهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ارْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَرْضِيَّةً فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ۖ وَادْخُلِي جَنَّتِي
Those who believed and did good works., for them there is a reward unending (Surah At-Tin: 6)	10 الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ
Then he whose scales are heavy, hall be in a state of bliss (Surah Al-Qari'ah: 6-7)	11 فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ۖ فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ

The Quran clearly specifies the qualities of those who will find their permanent place in Jannah. From the above eleven verses, we can understand that those who enter into Jannah will:

- 1) Have faith (إيمان)
- 2) Perform good deeds (أعمال صالح)
- 3) Be pious (متقى)
- 4) Refrain from disobedience (مطيع)
- 5) Be righteous (ابرار)

Similarly, you can find out the qualities from rest of the verses mentioned in above table.





## Let your children know the ualities of Paradise-dwellers (مَنّٰی)

The first thing is, as you know, detailed explanation of the verses. Since verses are very short, you need to study well before giving their explanations. If possible refer similar kind of verses, Ahadith and other relevant resources for effective explanations.

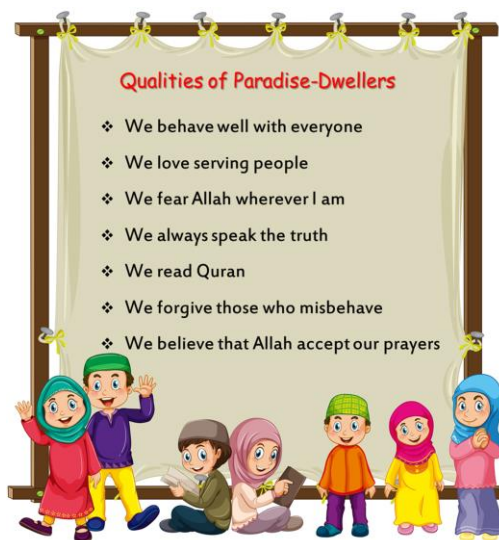
List out the qualities of the Paradise dwellers, and discuss with your children like; how to cultivate these qualities, what are the practical ways? For example, how to be God-fearing and obedient (مَتَّقِ) all the time? What precautions we have to take to be Allah's servant of that high level?

What are good deeds (اَعْمَالُ صَالِحٍ)? Ask them to make a list of those good deeds that make a person worthy of Jannah. Like offering regular prayers, spending in the way of Allah, selfless service of human beings, speaking good with people, controlling anger and tongue, good behavior with orphan etc.

Let them list out all the qualities that they know and also suggest practical ways of developing them, see the below table:

Sl No	Qualities of the Dwellers of Paradise	Practical Ways of Qualities Development

Keep a watch on their day to day affairs and ensure that your children have all those qualities require for admission in Jannah. Let this be your family mission to make all the children dwellers of Paradise and completely protected from Hell-fire.



## Guidelines

- This plan is meant for a family, comprising parents and their children. However, based on the possibilities, relatives and neighboring children can be invited, but strength shouldn't be more as it might minimize your attention.
- It is advisable that either father or mother, or any elderly / learned person should lead Quran Study Session.
- Make Quran Study time-table in consultation with your children. Keep it of short duration with precise regularity every day.
- To facilitate easy reading for the children, short verses have been enlisted here in this plan. Some are complete verses and some are a part of the long verses. So wherever possible you can refer to the full verse in view of the given references.
- It is advisable to refer Ahadith and relevant literature for fair and better understanding of the subjects.
- For each topic, it is preferable to spend at least two days. This way you can finish 15 topics in the month of Ramadan.
- After finishing each topic, conclude the session with relevant Duas from Quran and Sunnah.
- After Ramadan, you need to repeat the same syllabus from the first. While repetition you can spend at least a weeks' time for each topic. If things progress fast and children show interest, you can appropriately alter the duration as well as the topics.
- We have given some exercises at the end of each topic, you can go ahead with it and even add some more innovative ideas from your side, like storytelling, quiz and drawing competitions, match the following, fill-up the blanks, video shows, childrens' play etc.
- Make one child, organizer of the Quran Study session and rotate the organizer after every few days.
- Let the Quran study be flexible and interactive so that children can ask questions and can participate in discussions whenever necessary.
- Start every session with recitation of the Quranic verses, and then take up the verses according to your plan, after your explanation and discussion, at the end, let children resolve to abide by the things that they have understood.

- When you start the next session, after recitation and explanation, spend atleast few minutes in the revision of previous class.
- Encourage your children to memorize the verses mentioned in this plan, and see that they make use of those verses as reference in their day to day conversations.
- The subjects dealt here have more Quranic verses, we have just mentioned a few, to know more about verses of a particular subject we suggest you to refer index of *Tafheemul Quran* you can go with *Al Mu'jam Al Mufahras Li Alfaz Al Quran*. Search on the internet will also help.
- To make the Quranic studies interesting, you need to do lot of homework before the commencement of every session. We would like you to go through lots of resources and gather more information in view of the enlisted Quranic verses.
- Try to evaluate outcome of every session, monitor your children's follow up activities, and assign responsibilities of monitoring and guiding to any suitable family member.
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## Do we really have children?

The plain answer to this query would be yes. But the real sense of having children is far beyond that. Listen to the advice of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
" مَا تَعُدُّونَ الرَّقُوبَ فِيكُمْ " . قَالَ قُلْنَا الَّذِي لَا يُوَلَّدُ لَهُ .

قَالَ " لَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِالرَّقُوبِ وَلَكِنَّهُ الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي لَمْ يُقَدِّمْ مِنْ وَلَدِهِ شَيْئًا " (صحیح مسلم)

*Abdullah bin Mas'ud reported Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) as saying: Whom do you count as " Raqub" amongst you? The Companions said: One who has no children (the children are born unto him but they do not survive). Thereupon Prophet (pbuh) said: He is not a Raqub but Raqub is one who does not find his child as the forerunner (in Paradise).*

That is..... if we focus on our childrens' materialistic development, but fail to concentrate, as it ought to be, on their moral and spiritual progress, this is going to be an ultimate fate of ours..... we are as if childless.

We should see that whatever our children do, they have to remain always active in Allah's worship and in following the footsteps of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

This is the line of difference that makes real sense of parent with children and without children. The time in our possession along with childrens' presence is invaluable, let us make them dwellers of paradise.





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